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## BREAKING THEIR CONTRACT.

Once again an unbending determination to pay no regard to the terms of their contract and an equally noticeable disregard for the inconvenience caused to the public are disclosed in the action of the B. R. T. system employees in New York in entering upon their strike in behalf of their demands for higher wages and less hours.

The action was taken regardless of the efforts of those who had endeavored to point out to the men the mistake they were making and in the face of the opposition to the officials of the International organization who advised and fought against such a move. Just as they were told by these officials, their action brands them as outlaws. They have failed to carry out the terms of their agreement with the railway company, they have defied those who undertook to guide them sanely and they have indicated that they intend to have their own way and to get what they ask whether it is right or not.

Many questions have been raised since it became evident that there were agitators at work fomenting the strike. Much emphasis is now placed upon the fact that it is impossible to get the benefits of arbitration without having the award passed upon by the court. Ordinarily such would not be the case and the situation prevails because the company is new in the hands of a receiver and under the guidance of the court. It is preposterous to maintain that a certain class should be able to change court procedure or to warp court opinion. The outlaws are causing all kinds of trouble for the people of Brooklyn because the court insists upon exercising its right to change any award which might be greater than the company could afford.

Such strikes are most unfortunate. They destroy all confidence in such organizations for when they disregard the law, when they snap their fingers at the public and when they refuse to abide by their agreement they make it difficult to believe that they will show any respect for any understanding that may be reached in the future. The strikers apparently feel that there are no responsibilities which they are obliged to shoulder but they can hardly anticipate public sympathy as the result of such an attitude.

## GOOD TIME TO PRACTICE IT.

It is quite proper that there should be new interest given to the fact that this country is having its population increased at the rate of about 5000 a day from immigration. This marks a decided change from conditions which have prevailed for several years and it does not appear that the present high tide is going to be temporary. From all indications there promises to be just as many aliens landed on our shores as the laws will permit and the steamships can carry. Manifestations of a desire to come to this country for the benefits are to be derived, even if the intention is to remain only until a needed pile can be accumulated. On the part of some of the entire purpose of their coming to this country. They intend to return just as soon as possible, and will do so. Others who come with such an idea may be sufficiently well impressed to remain while there will be a certain percentage who will come with the idea of making this their permanent home.

With this revival of immigration it is pertinent that there should be the right sort of steps taken not only to give these people all the advantages but to see that they are made to understand the chances for employment that are open, that they are encouraged to distribute themselves throughout the country and that they are instructed in regard to our institutions and customs, our laws and our government. This of course will follow the application of the law for the distinction between the desirables and the undesirable insofar as the regulations make that possible.

Much was said not so many months ago about Americanism and the instruction of the alien. With the great increase in the number coming the opportunity to put that into operation would appear to be at hand. Certainly there should be no time lost, as there has been in too many instances, in impressing upon the newcomers the importance of good citizenship, the advisability of being naturalized and the need of being able to read and write the English language. We need to treat these people not with the belief that they are going back but with the idea that they are going to stay. We have talked Americanism; now let's practice it.

## A MAGNIFICENT SERVICE.

One of many instances which give a new view of the effects of the war from a different angle is furnished by the presence in this country of a shipload of Russian children being taken around the world in an effort to restore them to their parents. For a brief time, while their ship is being loaded at New York, they are on United States soil as a part of their experience which, considering the conditions which preceded and which are to follow their visit here, few would care to go through.

These children, nearly 800 in all, were threatened with starvation when food supplies in Petrograd got so low a couple of years ago. To protect them they were sent into Siberia and before they were returned trouble arose there making it impossible for them to return the way they went. Not being able to insure their safety otherwise they were taken to Vladivostok and following plenty of hardships and experiences which would be forgotten if it was decided to

return them to Petrograd by sending them around the world.

All the responsibilities in connection with them has been shouldered by the Red Cross in whose care they will continue for an indefinite period yet. For there is no telling how long it will be before they are restored to their parents, if in fact it will ever be possible in many cases to reunite them with their families following the conditions which have been experienced in the old Russian capital. They were taken away during a famine and they will return at a time when Petrograd is in anything but a proper condition to receive them if reports relative to conditions there are true.

Where threatened starvation drove them away, disease in some of its worst forms will be faced on their return, and the task of trying to locate such relatives as may be living and to reunite them to be an easy one. One outstanding feature in connection with the undertaking, however, is the magnificent service that is being rendered by the Red Cross.

## WASTING GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

Once again there is a clamor being made for the cutting down of the expense connected with the Congressional Record. This arises following the presentation of figures showing what it cost last year to publish this daily record of congress.

When it is shown that the expenditure for this publication was \$537,540 it is to be remembered that there is included therein a great number of speeches that are delivered elsewhere than in congress and that the Congressional Record is circulated throughout the country and placed in the hands of many who have no time to go through its many pages and no interest in the great mass of material there presented. Thus when waste is referred to in connection with this matter it can be readily appreciated that such is actually the case.

But there is no reason to believe that an effort to bring about a saving in the paper, which alone cost \$120,000, and amounted to over 455,000 printed pages, or a reduction in the entire expense will amount to anything more under present day conditions when greater economy than ever is needed, than others which have preceded it have.

A record of what actually transpires in the halls of congress ought not to be encumbered with all sorts of addresses delivered here, there and everywhere which are submitted by members of congress and those who are not members of congress. The practice of reading into the Record matter of this kind is nothing new. It has been going on so long that it will be difficult to bring about a change but the fact cannot be overlooked nevertheless that among the opportunities of the federal government to do away with the needless and to save a few hundred thousand dollars this stands out very conspicuously. Much has gone out from Washington to the country about saving, without due regard for the fact that some of the best examples might be set right there.

## THE COAL AWARD.

In view of the conditions under which the coal commission was named for the purpose of determining the award that should be made to the hard coal miners in response to their appeal for increased wages, there was nothing else for President Wilson to do than he has done in accepting the majority report and declaring that it would not be set aside. That the miners should have undertaken by threats to force him to accept the minority rather than the majority report was not in keeping with the arrangement under which the commission was named. Inasmuch as it was impossible to reach an agreement otherwise it was agreed that the merits of the case should be submitted to the commission named by the president, their award to be final. By the finding of the majority of the commission the miners are to get an increase of 17 per cent. in their wages, or about \$35,000,000 a year, at a time when coal was never so high.

That the radical element has endeavored to take hold of the reins in the miners' organization is evidenced by the manner in which the official advice has been pushed aside. In the attitude shown there is no inclination to accept a just award. Reference is made by some of the opponents of the award to the effect that better terms could have been gotten through negotiations with the operators. Such may or may not have been the case. The fact is that they were not satisfied with the increase offered by the operators and in the naming of the commission there was included therein a representative of the public so that justice might be done to all concerned with the public getting the consideration it is entitled to. Such was for the purpose of preventing any deal between the miners and operators at the expense of the consumer, and in view of that fact and the majority award there is nothing to do but to accept it and expect it to be lived up to.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The man on the corner says: Trouble always gets more publicity than happiness.

Vacationists are returned all tanned and invigorated, eager for the next 50 weeks before another.

It is proving a long wait for some places to find out what rating the census takers gave them.

A big apple crop should mean a large quantity of cider vinegar—provided of course it is used for that purpose.

Let another Ponsi launch a get-rich-quick scheme tomorrow and he would succeed in convincing thousands that he would give them something for nothing.

With the fire department of New York completely motorized there ends the spectacular part that horses have played in the big city's fire fighting service.

When the bolsheviks indicate that they will recede from their terms to the Poles they support their claims that they want peace—though possibly not at any price.

From the way the Poles turned down the offer to take the bolsheviks they realize that the near approach to Warsaw didn't unnerve their hard fighting opponents.

There is nothing for Connecticut to be proud of in the record of deaths from auto accidents during last year. We are growing worse instead of better in this respect.

There would be greater confidence in the activities of the department of justice if it confined itself to telling of its accomplishments instead of making elaborate promises.

There are those Ponsi creditors who instead of considering themselves lucky if they get anything at all for what they paid him still think they ought to get 150 per cent.

## HONEST EXPLANATIONS.

"Everything would be so much simpler," began Alice, "if we would be honest and direct! Why, in all great detective stories, when a character wished to conceal something, he told the truth about it and nobody believed him at all. That shows what a mass we live in! Now I had to ask three girl usters and the doorman the real reason for the procession of managers and attendants spraying formaldehyde all over the place tonight at the show. Naturally I wanted to know why. All I could think of was a sudden case of smallpox!"

"Was it?" asked Gribble, who likes horrors.

"The first girl uster said vaguely she didn't know. The second knew less and the third was a positive blank. Apparently to them formaldehyde was the breath of life and nothing unusual. I once gave the doorman a cigar, so after desperate effort I pried it out of him. Somebody with a revolver had tossed in a bad perfume bomb and they were trying to kill the audience. That was all. Everybody in the audience wanted to know. Why couldn't they have flashed the whole story on the screen? I wonder!"

"That wouldn't have answered at all," insisted Egerton. "People like excitement and mystery. Having once seen the manager in a brand new suit and the latest hat spraying the aisles, even a body will flock to that movie nightly in the hopes of seeing him swinging from the ceiling, head down, from a trapeze or being otherwise eccentric. It gave them something to talk about all evening after they got home and kept them from quarreling with one another through sheer boredom. Had the explanation been thrust upon them, they would have been right in the middle of a fight, ready to pick up any old fellow who was a little more than a fact person like yourself want to tear the petals from the rose, so to speak, and see the wheels go round?"

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"I am talking about men, not sheer lunatics," insisted Alice. "And I shall always feel indignant because I have to work so hard finding out what really was the matter, tonight, at my favorite movie house! But I agree that one must use discretion. I told my wife once when she asked me that a certain hat looked like a rain check is due all of us who are now completely in the dark the custard pie. I missed the whole thing. Myrtle's Mixup's disposition of things."

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## IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

ADRIANOPLE, A WEATHER VANE OF EMPIRES

"Entry of Greek troops into Adrianople is an event in secular history fairly comparable to the investiture of Jerusalem by Saladin's army, for this Turkish city has for nearly 2,000 years been a weather vane of world politics," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"The rebuilding of the ancient Thracian town by Hadrian, who gave it his name, signalled a high point in the power of the Roman empire. The decline of Rome was foreshadowed some two centuries later when the Goths defeated Valens there, and made their first break through the Roman frontier."

"Next Adrianople was the setting for the Turk's advent into Europe. There Murad I. established himself, planned the capture of Constantinople, and sent out expeditions to subdue various Christian peoples. For a time the European capital of the Sultans, Adrianople was relegated to be the chief bulwark of Constantinople. There Turk first met the Christian, the Christians finally forced their way to the Black sea by a treaty which also loosened the Turkish hold on the Caucasus and compelled recognition of the independence of Greece."

"Adrianople is on the Maritsa, Heros of Grecian legend, where Orpheus was dismembered by the Thracian women, also celebrated, under its later name, in Bulgarian song and story. It is 137 miles by rail northwest of Constantinople."

"Today the city wears its past glory with a sort of shabby gentility, with no pretension of prosperity but less equal than the usual Turkish city."

"It possesses the grave of the first Murad, or Amurath, who was assassinated in his tent after he had vanquished an army of Christian allies on the field of Kosovo."

"A mosque bearing the name of Sultan Baleziz recalls that monarch, whose first official act was to order the execution of his brother, who was the first Ottoman ruler to call himself Sultan, whose conquests finally were checked when he was taken prisoner by Tamerlane."

"But the architectural masterpiece of Adrianople is the Selimiek, product

of a Greek tribute—boy's genius, and relic of the reign of Selim II, the Louis XV. of Turkey."

"Early in the Turks would seize a certain number of sons of their Christian subjects, and, in Sinan, they found they had acquired a skilled bridge builder. They allowed him to follow his bent, and the Shahadeh, at Constantinople, the Suleiman, at Stamboul, and the third famed mosque at Adrianople, were given to posterity. The Selimiek rests upon the highest hill in Adrianople and four lofty minarets tower far above a massive dome."

"Formerly Adrianople was a thriving commercial city. But its foreign trade was reduced greatly within the past fifty years by Russian penetration to Turkey's dominion and by tariff barriers of Balkan states. It is on the railway from Belgrade and Sofia to Constantinople."

"Barracks line narrow streets and it has been said that these, in pre-war days, with their Austrian crockery, German iron pieces, French jewelry, English textiles and American phonographs to do duty as 'barkers', contained nothing Turkish save the dirt." The city's population is a conglomerate of Turks, Greeks, Jews and Armenians."

"No, sir," said the boy, "it's shenherd."

Sense of Proportion.

Samuel Gompers' description of the \$6,000,000 wage award as a mere mop shows how far wages tend to upset a man's sense of proportion.—Detroit Free Press.

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Same Old Story.

The railroaders get more pay and the ultimate consumer gets more to pay—Columbus Dispatch.

You may at least learn something by keep a dozen mothers-in-law busy trying to each an old dog new tricks.

Stories That Recall Others

Neither Said So.

Children have an embarrassing habit of telling the family's most intimate secrets.

A father stopped at a broker's office, accompanied by his son.

"I can't see how anybody can be bullish on this market," he told a business acquaintance. "I'm a bear myself."

"Yep, pop," put in the little son, "that's what mamma told you this morning, ain't it?"

Know His Own Dog.

While making a trip through